

# PRAYING FOR HEALING

## Claiming the Promises, fulfilling the conditions

I have taken some quotations out of some old books that give us such a beautiful picture of our Loving Heavenly Father's work through Jesus in our behalf for healing.

Psalms 41:4 says: I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. Christ died for the body as well as the soul. He wants to tabernacle in those who love and serve Him. 1 Corinthians 3:16-19 tells us; Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

We need first to have our Soul healed and through that means He is able also to heal the body. As we surrender ourselves to His word and all that it says we are surrendering to God. When we are filled with His Spirit, we have Jesus and we have all other blessings including the blessing of health. That does not release us from walking in His word, but encourages us to abide by His living principles, including the principles of health, so here they are listed:

"Disease is an effort of nature to free the system from conditions that result from a violation of the laws of health. In case of sickness, the cause should be ascertained. Unhealthful conditions should be changed, wrong habits corrected. Then nature is to be assisted in her effort to expel impurities and to re-establish right conditions in the system.

**Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, and trust in divine power--these are the true remedies.** Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them. It is essential both to understand the principles involved in the treatment of the sick and to have a practical training that will enable one rightly to use this knowledge.

The use of natural remedies requires an amount of care and effort that many are not willing to give. Nature's process of healing and upbuilding is gradual, and to the impatient it seems slow. The surrender of hurtful indulgences requires sacrifice. But in the end it will be found that nature, untrammelled, does her work wisely and well. Those who persevere in obedience to her laws will reap the reward in health of body and health of mind. Ministry of Healing 127

Now, Here are the promises from the old books:

"Our Lord has given us definite instruction, through the apostle James, as to our duty in case of sickness. When human help fails, God will be the helper of His people. 'Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church;

and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up”  
Counsels on Health 457

“Christ is the same compassionate physician now that He was during His earthly ministry. In Him there is healing balm for every disease, restoring power for every infirmity. His disciples in this time are to pray for the sick as verily as the disciples of old prayed; and recoveries will follow, for ‘the prayer of faith shall save the sick’” Ministry of Healing 226

God is our refuge in sickness as in health. But many do not leave their cases with Him; they encourage weakness and disease by worrying about themselves. If they would cease repining and rise above depression and gloom, their recovery would be more sure.” Volume 5 Testimonies to the church 315

“The Savior would have us encourage the sick, the hopeless, the afflicted, to take hold upon His strength. Through faith and prayer the sickroom may be transformed into a Bethel...And God hears prayer. Christ has said, ‘If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.’...If we live according to His Word, every precious promise He has given will be fulfilled to us.” MH17

“Oh how grateful we should be that Jesus is willing and able to bear all our infirmities and strengthen and heal all our diseases if it will be for our good and for His glory. Some died in the days of Christ and in the days of the apostles because the Lord knew just what was best for them.” Medical Ministry 17

“The Lord has given me light that when the Israel of today humble themselves before Him, and cleanse the soul-temple from all defilement, He will hear their prayers in behalf of the sick and will bless in the use of His remedies for disease.” 9T 164.1

“Never does our merciful God turn from the soul that in sincerity seeks Him for help. He is our refuge in sickness as in health.” MH 225

“What a wonderful thought it is that Jesus knows all about the pains and grief’s we bear. In all our afflictions He was afflicted. Some among our friends know nothing of human woe or physical pain. They are never sick, and therefore they cannot enter fully into the feelings of those who are sick. But Jesus is touched with the feeling of our infirmity. He is the great medical missionary.” 2Selected Messages 237

“The Lord’s promise, ‘They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover’ (Mark 16:18), is just as trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles. It presents the privilege of God’s children, and our faith should lay hold of all that it embraces...It is our work to present the sick and suffering to God in the arms of our faith. We should teach them to believe in the Great Healer.” MH 226

“You may be depressed with bodily infirmities, but that is not evidence that the Lord is not working in your behalf every day. He will pardon you, and that abundantly. Gather to your soul the sweet promises of God. Jesus is our constant, unfailing friend, and He wants you to trust in Him”. That I May Know Him 285

“There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.” TMK 171

“The grace of God is declared to be sufficient for all the ills and trials against which human beings have to contend...Never for a moment should we allow Satan to think that his power to distress and annoy is greater than the power of Christ to uphold and strengthen.” This Day With God 177

“The same power that Christ exercised when He walked visibly among men is in His word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons...So with all the promises of God’s Word. In them He is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice. It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power.” MH 122